

FREE CITY TO PAY FOR 'FREE' SERVICE Ruling Takes Cost of Electricity and Gas, Now Furnished 'Gratis,' Off Small Consumer SEE TAX TO MEET INCREASE

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN The city of Philadelphia must hereafter pay the United Gas Improvement Co. and the Philadelphia Electric Co. for all gas and electric light used upon the streets, avenues and highways, in all public buildings, fire and station houses and in all parks and other city property.

And this same law applies to every other city, town or borough in the state which is receiving free service from any public service corporation of any kind whatsoever.

It confesses that this is a rather startling declaration. It will impose additional burdens of expense, in a way, on taxpayers. But it is the rule of the Public Service Commission, and in the opinion of the commission is merely enforcing the law.

It has been the custom for years for water, gas, electric light and power and telephone companies, in receiving contracts with municipal corporations, to specify that they will furnish free, as some sort of return for the grant of franchise, a certain amount of service in the way of fire plugs, street lamps and lights and free telephones in public buildings.

But it is all wrong. No city or town has any right to expect to receive such service at a rank discrimination against the people.

Hall "Free Service" The Public Service Commission has very bluntly but in well-chosen language declared that there is no such thing as "free service." Somebody has got to foot the bill. In every instance it is the municipal corporation, and the taxpayer who is the "goat."

If gas, water or electric light company furnishes fire hydrants or street lights, it is simply taking the cost of this so-called "free service" on to the bills of private consumers.

There have been the secret. The U. G. I. supplies this city with 25,000 street lights, to which is added 300 additional every year. The cost of this service, if paid for, would be in excess, doubtless, of \$300,000 annually.

Philadelphia Electric Co. furnished 125 arc lights to the city free at a cost of nearly \$10,000.

Under the ruling of the Public Service Commission the city should pay for all of this, and, presumably, the amount should be deducted from the gas bill of the thousands of consumers in Philadelphia.

As I have stated above, it is a new decision. It was made within the last sixty days by the Public Service Commission. The decision was rendered in compliance with the provisions of the public service commission act. It was the little borough of Clarion, in the county of that name, that started the ball rolling that ended in this avalanche of trouble.

The Clarion Gas Co. had entered into an agreement with the town of Clarion, and duly set forth in its franchise, that it would furnish gas free or at a reduced rate to the town in return for the privilege of laying its pipes in the streets and supplying the people with natural gas.

Refused Free Service Some time last year the gas company entered into the agreement and refused to furnish gas to the town at a free service. I presume the company's agent lawyer got "hep" to the law in the case.



Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, spent one hour today in the home of Senator Penrose, 1331 Spruce street, talking over the presidential situation. The above is the first photograph of the senator made since his return from Florida.

Economy, Says Hays, Is G. O. P. Keynote

Continued from Page One conversed for a short time. The former told Mr. Hays, who will be a district delegate from New York, that he would see him in New York next week.

At Washington, Chairman Hays will confer with a number of Republican senators, including Senator Knox. Senator Penrose is to have another conference this afternoon. His caller will be H. M. Daugherty, campaign manager for Senator Vaoren G. Harding.

Much Wood Money Seen Before calling on Senator Penrose, Mr. Daugherty was questioned concerning Leonard Wood's showing in Ohio. He was asked if there was any evidence of "big money" being used for the general.

"I rather think that is the reason," he replied, "that the rate of interest went up in New York. So much money was sent out to Ohio there wasn't none left in Wall street."

He added that the Wood forces made a tremendous fight in the Buckeye state because they realized if Wood failed to make a showing there he would be out of the race entirely.

Daugherty said he came here to see Senator Penrose because "Penrose was the strong factor in the convention. I believe that Pennsylvania should have a candidate, but if he is, the country will be well served. The same is true of Sprout. One thing is certain, I believe that Pennsylvania should have the candidate."

The Mayor, with Welfare Director Tustin, Richard Wieglin, president of Council, and W. W. Roper, chairman of Council's welfare committee, is inspecting the state hospital for the criminal insane at Fairview.

Dispatches from Washington today indicate that the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress are awaiting a Senator Penrose's abrupt move in the national situation.

There were some rumors that the Penrose pronouncement pointed to a break between the senator and Governor Sprout, who is a receptive candidate for the nomination.

But these rumors were discounted by the senator's own view of the situation was that the time had come to get down to real business of trying to stop "fooling with chicken feed" and arrive at a candidly which would be satisfactory all around.

Rawson to Speak Here Frederick L. Rawson, of London, will speak to the members of the New Century Club, 123 South Twelfth street, at 8 o'clock he will talk on "Right Thinking," and at 8 o'clock in the evening on "Life Understood."

Increase Your Income 8% Interest First Mortgage Security An investment of \$520 will now purchase a first mortgage railroad bond, face value \$1000, paying \$40 per year income.

FESTIVAL POSTPONED Swarthmore to Hold Celebration on Tuesday, Due to Rainy Weather

The May Day celebration, scheduled to take place this morning at Swarthmore College, has been postponed on account of the rainy weather.

Ceremonies arranged for today will take place on Tuesday morning, weather permitting, on the east campus, where Miss Lucy Lippincott will be crowned queen of May.

STOLE FOR DRUGS, CHARGE Police Say Woman Ransacked Public School Coathouses

For the purpose of obtaining money to buy drugs, Mrs. Elizabeth Oelkers, of Fifteenth and Jefferson streets, according to the police, stole the clothing of pupils of several public schools in the northwestern part of the city.

The woman was arrested by District Detective Thomb and Franklin, of the Twelfth and Berks streets police station, while carrying a boy's coat, which, according to the police, was stolen from the cloak room of the Claghorn School, Susannah avenue and Woodstock street.

Numerous pawn tickets for stolen clothing were found on the woman, who, the police say, is a drug addict. Mrs. Oelkers was held in \$500 bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Oswald.

DOG FINDS LOST BOY Poodle Escorts Three-Year-Old Who Wandered From Home

Three-year-old Theodore Miller, son of John Miller, 323 Cosgrove street, Germantown, is home today after being lost, because of his faithful black poodle.

The boy wandered away yesterday. He could not be found. After he had been lost several hours, it was found his little black poodle dog also had disappeared. The word reached the Miller home that a boy had been found near Haines and Morton streets, but that a dog prevented the finders ascertaining his identity.

Mr. Miller went there and found the boy and the dog. The dog had found him first and had been escorting him home when seen by passers-by.

STRUCK BY FALLING PLANK Two Women Standing at Tenth and Market Streets Badly Cut

Two women standing on the northwest corner of Tenth and Market streets last night suffered badly cut heads when they were struck by a falling plank from a second-story window.

They were Mrs. Michael Curtin, Sanson street near Thirty-second, and Carrie Hughes, a negro, Fitzwater street near Seventeenth. They were treated at the Jefferson Hospital.

HIT BY AUTO, DIES Murray Weinbach, eight years old, 516 Somerville avenue, died in the Jewish Hospital this morning as the result of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile truck at Tabor road and Marshall street.

The boy was riding a bicycle at the time of the accident. Samuel Levans, the driver of the truck, which belonged to Petri Bros., ice and coal, was held without bail by Magistrate Rooney, at Central Station, to await the action of the coroner.

SELECT GRAND JURORS Will Be Sworn In on Monday for May Term

The grand jurors for the May term of Quarter Sessions Court have been selected and will be sworn in on Monday before Judge Monaghan in Room 453, City Hall. Those chosen are as follows:

George Carr, Sr., book fuser, 4229 North street; Julius Carter, tailor, 1309 North 8th street; John Callahan, electrician, 318 Fairly street; Edwin Cochran, clerk, 4619 Parrish street; J. Manuel D'Permamo, policeman, 1740 North Sixteenth; Walter Doyle, laborer, 310 North Ninth street; John Dougherty, fisher, 2221 North Philadelphia street; William Dougherty, carpenter, 236 Catherine street; Oscar Haub, bookkeeper, 1214 North 11th street; Raymond Stock, hardware, 2836 North Twenty-seventh street; Robert Traicher, bookkeeper, 320 North Sixteenth street; Samuel King, laborer, 2922 North Lehigh street; Henry Lombardi, bookkeeper, 1226 Alder street; John Mullen, insurance, 416 Florida street; W. J. Osborne, printer, 116 North Ninth street; Edward Elsharic, clerk, 112 Kaylor street; W. H. Richardson, driver, 2737 Germantown avenue; John Schmedlin, clerk, 5210 Woodland avenue; E. Sauer, motor talking machine Co., 1753 North Fifty-third street; Edward Smith, ice cream parlor, 628 South Eleventh street; New York, hardware, 3045 North Eighth street; Clarence Turner, accountant, 333 Roubidoux street; William Vort, salesman, 2921 North Eleventh street; George W. Wilson, musician, 704 Pierce street.

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FIREMEN KEPT BUSY Two False Alarms From Center of City Early This Morning

Two false alarms kept the fire engines busy about the central part of the city in the early morning in the rain.

A baker in the Bakerite Baking Co., at 716 Market street, turned in an alarm when his electric oven became too hot. He upset 1000 loaves in his haste to get to the door and turn in an alarm. When the firemen arrived they found the oven had cooled down again.

Fire in a small rubbish heap in the rear of the Franklin Trust Co. building, at 22 South Fifteenth street, caused a watchman to turn in another alarm, but the rain extinguished the blaze before the firemen arrived.

Moelberts Good SHAD ROE DINNER, 55c Served Day and Night T-Bone Sirloin Steak, Potatoes, Bread, Butter & Coffee 40c 302 VINE ST.

LINEN MESH UNDERWEAR Walter G. Becker Himself ONLY STORE 11th and Chestnut

ABBOTT'S A MILK When the kiddies come home at noon give them a good, cold glass of Abbotts "A" Milk. There's food and refreshment in every swallow—it makes them fit—keeps them fit. Better than any medicine in the world—and cheaper.

We use scientific, painstaking care to make Abbotts "A" Milk the cleanest, purest milk that can be bought! Phone Us to Deliver a Bottle Tomorrow—Baring 205 ABBOTT'S ALDERNEY DAIRIES, INC. 31st and Chestnut Both 'Phones Branches—Atlantic City Ocean City—Wildwood Have You Tried Abbotts Ice Cream?

MAY BUILD HOTEL ON 'PIANO ROW'

Girard Estate Would Lease Property to Party Who Will Improve It STUDENTS TO HAVE BENEFIT

After repeated promises and reports of a change in the coveted block known for the last thirty years as "Piano Row," the first tangible step is being taken for its development in keeping with Philadelphia's progress.

This block, extending from Eleventh to Twelfth street, and from Chestnut to Ransted street, is undoubtedly one of the most valuable parcels of property in the city. It is owned by the Girard estate.

The tract is to be advertised, starting next Monday, in the Philadelphia and New York newspapers, according to Francis Shunk Brown, a director of the Girard Trust and chairman of the real estate committee of that directorate, with a view to securing the very best offer from a prospective lessee who will improve the property by erecting a modern structure thereon.

For Aid of Boys "In the interest of the Girard Trust and the boys who are the beneficiaries of the Girard estate through the college bearing that name, the directors desire to secure the highest possible rental or income from this property that is obtainable," said Mr. Brown today.

"There have been no end of offers, mostly of an indefinite nature, for the property in recent years, but without an indication that the property has stood still too long and should be re-evaluated as a valuable investment property."

The Hepp establishment is in its thirty-third year in the block. The Cunningham store, at the corner of Eleventh and Chestnut streets, has been there about the same length of time. Mr. Cunningham said today that in accordance with the terms under which these stores are leased, on a yearly basis, the fixed rental charges have been the same for years, but the tenants have borne the increased carrying charges of taxes, etc., so that the average cost to tenants has increased from about \$6000 to \$10,000 a year.

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BAILEY BANKS & BIDDLE CO. Jewelers Silversmiths Stationers DIAMOND ENGAGEMENT RINGS Emerald Cut Pear Shape Heart Shape Square Navette Round New and exclusive shapes and designs

Carpenters' Wages

Authorized representatives of the undersigned bodies have unanimously agreed to increase the pay of journeymen carpenters from 80 cents to \$1.12 1/2 per hour. This is an increase of \$2.60 per day of eight hours or \$14.30 per week of 44 hours.

Signed The Master Carpenters' and Builders' Co. Operative Builders' Association Germantown and Vicinity Master Carpenters and Builders' Co.

TEACH WOMEN TO VOTE Bible Class Congress Has Interesting Theme for Fair Sex

Teaching church women to mobilize and use the ballot for city betterment through Bible-class co-operation was the theme of the ninth annual congress of the Federation of Women's Organized Bible Classes this afternoon, held at the Young Women's Christian Association, Eighteenth and Arch streets. The session will continue this evening.

Representatives of 500 women's Bible classes of the federation participated in the congress, which was conducted by the Philadelphia Sunday School Association.

The Rev. G. M. Oliver, pastor of Varick Memorial Church, told about the needs of the colored girls in South Philadelphia. "Mother" Moore, of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, told of her work with the sailors and marines during the afternoon session.

AID OF CLERGY IS ASKED Furbush Requests Pulpit Announcements of 'Clean-Up' Week

Letters have been sent by Director of Health Furbush, each clerk, in a public announcement from the pulpit tomorrow of Clean-Up Week, which starts Monday.

Doctor Furbush, in his letter, pleaded for complete co-operation with the Bureau of Street Cleaning and Health in their attempt to make Philadelphia clean and healthful.

Colonel E. B. Jordan, head of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, has announced extra men will be sent around on ash days to make collections of rubbish and trash not generally collected by the street cleaners.

MEDAL FOR DEAD HERO Carnegie Commission Makes Award for William Donaghy, Philadelphia

Awards by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, announced yesterday at Pittsburgh, include a bronze medal in honor of a Philadelphia man who gave his life in heroic effort.

He was H. William Donaghy, 6102 Callowhill street, who was drowned while trying to save a young man from the lives of three young girls who, while wading, had got into deep water.

A bronze medal was given to Dominick Panno, 604 Division street, Elwood City, Pa., who saved two little girls from drowning at Zellepoint, Pa., August 12, 1918.

DETECTIVE IS ACCUSED John K. McCarthy Charged With Aiding Moore Side in Politics

A warrant for the arrest of District Detective John K. McCarthy, of the Twelfth and Butts streets station, on the charge of violating the new city charter by "influencing for political movements," was issued by Magistrate Carney yesterday. He will be given a hearing Wednesday afternoon.

The warrant was issued on an affidavit presented to Magistrate Carney by State Representative Leopold C. Hays, counsel for the Republican city committee. The affidavit alleges that McCarthy called upon Max Weinstein, of 722 Wood street, and took him to John Fisher, Jr., the Penrose leader of the Thirteenth ward. Weinstein is a candidate for ward committeeman and Fisher is alleged to have asked him to withdraw from the contest and turn in for the Moore administration.

N. Y. WELCOMES ATLANTIC FLEET

Long Line of Fighting Gray, With 25,000 Bluejackets, Cheered by Throngs

By the Associated Press New York, May 1.—The sun came out from behind the clouds, fort guns flashed flame, harbor craft screeched a welcome and a squadron of seaplanes soared overhead as the Atlantic fleet steamed into New York harbor today after winter drill in Guantanamo bay.

On the shores New York's millions fought for a place on the waterfront to view the great naval procession—a procession in which Secretary Daniels, on the bridge of the flagship Pennsylvania, played a leading part as commander-in-chief of that branch of the service. Cheers after cheers was raised for the 25,000 jacksies who in a few hours would be enjoying the city's welcome in theaters, club and cabaret.

Behind the Pennsylvania, battleships, cruisers, destroyers and tenders, in apparently an endless chain, slipped link by link through the Narrows—a long line of fighting gray. As the head of the line passed the Statue of Liberty the throngs on the New York and Jersey shores caught their first glimpse of the floating fortresses, encircled by planes which at times dipped to within a few hundred feet of the water.

Onward steamed the fleet, passing through a lane of harbor craft, which rode at anchor on either side of the moving column. Still further steamed the warships, past the battery and into the Hudson, where one by one they came to anchor.

The Pennsylvania was bedecked with the flags of navy notables. Besides the pennant of the fleet commander, Admiral Henry B. Wilson, she flew the flags of Secretary Daniels and Admiral Robert E. Condit, chief of naval operations. The battleships Arizona, Nevada, Oklahoma, Utah, Florida, Delaware and North Dakota followed the Pennsylvania up the river and the Columbia led the cruisers in the wake of the battleships.

BUILDING BREVITIES The drawback to a poor building is not so much the likelihood that it will fall down, as the likelihood that it won't. For there are few more constantly irritating monuments to error than structures that have been erected mainly with a view to low initial cost. ABERTHAW prefers to accept no contract whose fulfillment does not promise abiding satisfaction.

Where to Dine A Directory

Hotel Lorraine W. B. KUGLER, Manager Broad at Fairmount Ave. Sunday Dinner \$1.50

Hotel Normandie 36TH AND CHESTNUT After being conducted for many years on the American plan we have Changed to European Plan

The Palace DAIRY RESTAURANT AND BAKERY 48 North 8th Street

KELLY'S 12 N. 9th Open Day & Night Oysters in Every Style

Business Women Lunch AT THE ALCOTT Regular Service at Cafeteria

ENGLISH SHOPPERS' LUNCHEONS et a ROOM TEA served 3 to 5.30 p.m.

Eter Try Hanoover for a Sunday \$1.25 Dinner Served from 12:30 P. M. to 8:30 P. M.

Special Sunday Platter, 90c Roasted Delaware Shad New Applesauce New Boiled Potatoes Lettuce and Tomato Salad \$1.25

THE NEW HOTEL HANOVER Twelfth and Arch Sts. Served on an à la carte CLAUDE M. MOHR, Mgr.

Rosemont Cafe 214 S. 2nd Philadelphia's Leading Shore Diner House

SHORE DINNERS, \$2.00 Special Banquet Hall for Private Dinners

THE NANKIN 15TH AND CHESTNUT American & Chinese Dishes

WONG KEW American Restaurant Market Street